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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HOPPER ET AL.

Examiner

Deloris Bryant

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 and 8-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-13 is acknowledged.

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: a detailed description and specification of claim 9 must be included within the detailed description of the invention.

Claim Objections

Claim 10 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 4. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hseih, (6,598,607).

Hseih discloses a photodiode comprising: a first region (Fig. 2, 240) of semiconductor material having a first conductivity type and a first dopant concentration; a second region (Fig. 2, 230) having a second conductivity type and a second dopant concentration, the second region lying over and contacting the first region of semiconductor material at a first junction, the first junction forming a first depletion region; and a third region (Fig. 2, 220) having the first conductivity type, the third region lying over and contacting the second region at a second junction, the second junction forming a second depletion region.

Regarding claims 2 and 3, applicant's attention is directed to col. 4, lns 54-59.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hseih.

Hseih teach a third region (Fig. 2, 220) as a doped P-type material. It is well known in the art that p-type material includes Group III metals of which indium is one. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to use Indium as a P-type dopant for the third region.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6 and claims 8-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Prior art of record does not describe or suggest applicant's invention set forth in claim 4 (and dependent claims 5-6) wherein third region has a first portion that has a first dopant concentration and a second portion that has a second dopant concentration that is substantially greater than the first dopant concentration.

Prior art of record does not describe or suggest applicant's invention set forth in claim 8 wherein second depletion region absorbs electromagnetic radiation that represents blue light.

Prior art of record does not describe or suggest applicant's invention set forth in claims 9 wherein first depletion region absorbs electromagnetic radiation that represents green light.

Prior art of record does not describe or suggest applicant's invention set forth in claims 10-13.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deloris Bryant whose telephone number is (703) 872-0237. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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